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Dear Jim & Vickie,

It has sure been cold here the last few days. Last night the temperature got down to 13. But, I suppose it might be just as cold back there.

Mike and I have been playing a lot of duplicate lately which we're really ~~been~~ enjoying. We usually do pretty well unless we just happen to make several mistakes. If I am at all tired, I play poorly, so I try to take a nap or be rested before I go. Last time we played we met a man who teaches physics at the U. He said he recognized your <sup>(Jim's)</sup> name, but couldn't really remember if he had you in any of his classes. He remembered Mr. Davis, though, and the big deal over him leaving for Corvallis. I am afraid I forgot his name, but maybe I can get it again some time.

Mike and I have decided to keep our apt. in Seattle when we go to work in Olympia! I am so happy about it.

We decided it just wasn't worth moving  
all our things down there and then have  
to turn around and move back. So now  
I am looking forward to going to  
Olympia since there really won't be  
much work involved.

We are having people over for  
dinner and bridge both nights this  
weekend, so I have to plan my menu  
pretty soon. Mom & Dad are going to  
a special dinner at the Swedish Club  
Sun. and then are going to come to our  
place. So, we will be playing a lot of  
bridge this week!

Poor Gail is having problems with  
her marriage, as Mom has probably told  
you. I am just sick about it. I'd  
like to try to talk to her, however I'm  
afraid she wouldn't like it. Jeannie  
said she won't tell her a thing, but  
I'm not surprised at that. It's so  
sad because I know Gail must be  
very unhappy.

Well, I get to go home from work  
in a few minutes. I will write  
later.  
Love,  
Mary